

Barter Unlimited -- An Old Idea Revived

Despite a proverb to the contrary, a local resident has set out to prove that it is possible to play a new tune on an old fiddle—and quite successfully at that.

He is Marshall "Tex" Shaw, 49, of 25527 Alliene st., Lomita, founder of Barter Un-

limited. Barter Unlimited is an ancient Phoenician practice in modern dress. A group of individuals, representing various professions and occupations, get together for the sole purpose of exchanging services and goods on a barter basis.

Instead, each member receives credit for the service he performs for any other member. He is then entitled to services and goods from any of the other members to the full value of the services or goods which he has rendered.

300 Members
Shaw's Barter Unlimited is

six years old and now contains 300 members, ranging from obstetrician to mortician. A large number of them live in the Torrance and Lomita area, yet some of them are as far away as West Covina and Pomona.

"I started this non-profit organization because of my desire to help my fellow-man," Shaw explains.

Basic Principle

"The basic principle of Barter Unlimited is utilization of the member's spare time and his surplus products or merchandise not having a ready market for cash," Shaw explains. "Our creed is 'What you need for

what you have—we need you, you need us.'"

"All services and goods are evaluated on a 'fair, just, reasonable, and commercially competitive' basis," Shaw stated further in explaining the system.

By way of example, Shaw told of a deep freeze which he obtained for himself through Barter in return for about five hours of work.

Shaw, an energetic and enthusiastic individual, is in the building supply field, specializing in block walls, patios, and barbecues.

Background

He has had a colorful career. Originally from Texas, he went to South America where he ob-

tained his Ph.D. degree and law degree. He lived in South America, mostly in Chile, for 15 years, from 1929-1943.

The Shaws, who lived in Los Angeles after that and moved to Lomita last year, have a son and two daughters.

Shaw has appeared before a number of service clubs, including the Athene Sorority, North Long Beach Lions, and Lincoln Heights Kijwanians.

He has come to the attention of a number of TV programs, and has appeared on the Johnny Grant show as well as the Groucho Marx show. He will be seen soon on the Steve Allen night show as well, he stated.

His future plans? To extend

Kiddies Stage Talent Show At Playground

Jim Van De Vort acted as master of ceremonies for a local talent show given at the North Torrance recreation area last Friday.

Among the talented performers were: Kathy Traynor, who sang "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," and later joined her sister Virginia singing "Little

Sally Water;" Andra Silver, who whistled "Man in the Raincoat;" Vicki Hardy, who danced "The Hornpipe;" Dean and Dale Buffington, who sang "Bang Went Old Betsy," and Lynn Buffington and Virginia Traynor led a group singing of "Tweedle-Dee-Dee," and a chorus made up of Kathy and Virginia Traynor, Andra Silver, Lynn, Dale, Dean and Bud Buffington; Vick Hardy, Jim Breitenfeldt and John Warren sang "Davy Crocket," "Doggie in the

Window" and "The Candy Shop."

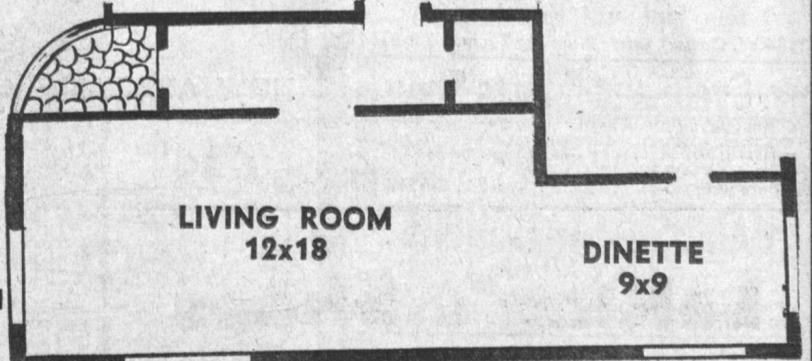
Supervising the show were Ed Brown and Michelle Silver, recreation leaders at the area.

TACOS CRACK

The McMaster Tacos, after getting off to a 6-0 lead cracked and folded into defeat by a score of 7 to 6 in the 6th inning at a game in Waleria Park against the Waleria Juniors on Monday.

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